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2012 SABLEFISH TAG RECOVERY INCENTIVE DRAWING WINNERS

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today winners of the annual tag recovery incentive drawing for sablefish tags returned in 2012. The winners are:

1.	Nels Becker	F/V Providence	Douglas, AK	\$1,000
2.	Orlando Bell	F/V Lindy	Petersburg, AK	\$500
3.	William Hammer Jr.	F/V Silver Lady	Port Townsend, WA	\$500
4.	Dwight Riederer	F/V Falcon	Enumclaw, WA	\$250
5.	Bruce Bauer	F/V Kaia	Haines, AK	\$250
6.	Albert Melnychuk	F/V Pacific Viking	Fort Langley, BC, Canada	\$250
7.	Duane Torgeson	F/V Republic	Sitka, AK	\$250

All persons who returned a department groundfish tag receive a hat or T-shirt and a letter detailing the release and recovery information for the sablefish tag(s) they returned. Each sablefish tag returned with valid recovery information (date of recovery and latitude and longitude) was placed into a drawing, and the winning tags were randomly chosen. A total of 840 of the 1,471 sablefish tags returned qualified for the drawing.

The department has been tagging sablefish in Southeast Alaska since 1979 to obtain information on sablefish movement, growth, and abundance. Tags are bright orange or green in color, approximately three inches in length, and are located below the first dorsal fin of the fish. Sablefish tagged in the internal waters of Southeast Alaska have been recovered from as far away as Coos Bay, Oregon and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea.

Movement information collected from tagging studies is an important contribution to the management of sablefish fisheries and the department appreciates the participation of fishermen and processors in this program.

Additional information on Southeast Alaska groundfish fisheries can be found on our web site at:
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.groundfish>.

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